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CITE MADRID 41913 (██████████ ACTING)

TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR INFO MEXICO CITY.

██████████ RYBAT KDAFGHAN

REFS: A. DIRECTOR 323590
B. ██████████

1. STATION HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO CONTACTING KDAFGHAN/K/1 (K/1) AND TO SOLICITING HIS AGREEMENT TO SUBMIT TO HSCA INTERVIEW. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY A FEW POINTS WHICH MAY HAVE A BEARING ON HOW WE PROCEED. FIRST, K/1 WORKS FOR A U.S. FIRM AFFILIATE (BERLITZ). WILL ANY PARENT COMPANY APPROVALS BE REQUIRED FOR US TO CONTACT K/1 AND SERVE AS HSCA MIDDLE-MAN? SECOND, K/1 MAY HAVE TO REQUEST LEAVE FROM HIS EMPLOYER TO TRAVEL FOR INTERVIEW. IF THIS SHOULD BE THE CASE, CAN WE AUTHORIZE HIM TO INFORM HIS EMPLOYER OF THE REASON FOR SUCH TRAVEL? HQS WILL RECALL FROM REF B THAT K/1'S EMPLOYER CAME TO EMBASSY AT LEAST TWICE TO SEEK GUIDANCE ON HOW TO REACT TO PUBLICITY ON K/1'S ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO. AT THAT TIME BERLITZ WAS HIGHLY CONCERNED AT PRESS REPORTS HIGHLIGHTING K/1'S BERLITZ EMPLOYMENT.

2. AGREE WITH HQS THAT MADRID WOULD NOT BE BEST VENUE FOR HSCA INTERVIEW. IF K/1 SHOULD BALK AT TRAVEL TO U.S., PERHAPS INTERVIEW COULD BE ARRANGED IN OTHER EUROPEAN CITY SUCH AS PARIS.

3. OUR FILES DO NOT REFLECT IF K/1 IS U.S. PERSON. PLS ADVISE.

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